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SUBJECT: OCEANOGRAPHY AGREEMENT: US PROPOSAL FOR JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING

REFERENCE: MOSCOW 12650

FOR SCIATT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SIGNED BY DR. ROBERT M.
WHITE, NOAA ADMINISTRATOR, ACADEMICIAN VINOGRADOV FOR-
MALLY COMMUNICATING NAMES OF US MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE
AND PROPOSING THAT FIRST MEETING BE HELD AT WASHINGTON
DURING WEEK OF JAN 21, 1974.

2. QUOTE: I WAS MOST PLEASED TO LEARN FROM THE US EMBASSY
THAT THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE
EXECUTIVE AGENT OF THE USSR FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF T E
AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN STUDIES OF THE WORLD OCEAN AND
THAT YOU HAVE BEEN APPOINTED SOVIET CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT
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COMMITTEE PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT. IN THE UNITED

STATES, THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR THE US GOVERNMENT. AS ADMINISTRATOR OF NOAA, I HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE US CHAIRMAN FOR THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. A LIST OF THE OTHER US MEMBERS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS ENCLOSED.

SINCE AN APPRECIABLE TIME HAD LAPSED SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT AND OUR COUNTRIES HAVE A NUMBER OF PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST THAT SHOULD COMMENCE, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT STEPS BE INITIATED AT THIS TIME FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES. THE US MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WOULD PREFER THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE BE HELD FOR 3 OR 4 DAYS DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 21-25, 1974, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO A US OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTALLATION FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER SUCH A MEETING AT THIS TIME AND PLACE WOULD BE CONVENIENT AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET MEMBERS. IF THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21 IS INCONVENIENT, PLEASE SUGGEST ANOTHER TIME. I WOULD EXPECT TO SEND YOU PROPOSALS FOR AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING AND DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE SOON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO A FRUITFUL AND PLEASANT COOPERATION WITH YOU IN FURTHERING THE PURPOSES OF THE AGREEMENT. SINCERELY,
ROBERT M. WHITE, ADMINISTRATOR. END QUOTE.

3. SCIATT MAY WISH TO INFORM VINOGRADOV THAT SIGNED ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING FORWARDED FOR DELIVERY TO VINOGRADOV. KISSINGER

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